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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 15TH 1909.

The establishment of closer relations between Hongkong and Manila was the avowed object which the promoters of the recent Carnival had in view when they invited representatives of the Hongkong newspapers to visit their shores. Whether the local Pressmen will be able to influence colonial opinion in the desired direction may perhaps be questioned, but there can be no doubt that they have returned with agreeable impressions, which in themselves may have weight in helping to create a better understanding between the Americans in Manila and the British here and prove helpful in arriving at estimates of each other which will not only be accurate but generous. It is quite true that Americans in the Orient have many bad impressions to eradicate. They may have been themselves responsible for these, or they may have suffered from ungenerous criticism, or possibly both; but the fact remains that too often they have not been held in the high esteem to which as a nation they are entitled.

Like the British when they first went stalking over the continent without regard to the prejudices or susceptibilities of the peoples among whom they sojourned, they too have achieved a reputation which leaves much to be desired. Their independence in thought and action, their original way of

looking at things, and their disregard of tradition made them more or less inexplicable to a people whose lives were still moulded by the past, and this may perhaps explain to some extent the sentiments entertained by many folks towards our American cousins. It goes without saying that a nation is not to be judged by its units, yet, unfortunately, that represents what has taken place in many quarters in the East, with the result that Americans have been pained to find that the fair name of their country has been somewhat tarnished. The tourist and the pioneer are not always desirable types of men, and America has suffered as much as, perhaps more than, other nations through the disrepute of those who left its shores to see the world. All honour to the honest, earnest, hardworking thrifty pioneer who makes the road which others tread, but as a companion he occasionally has a shiftless creature who acquires the distinction of being termed a pioneer without accomplishing any real useful work, but instead alienating the sympathies of those among whom he comes. It is he who causes the mischief, it is he who brings discredit upon his country, and it is he who is responsible for that feeling, the more difficult to overcome because not always expressed, which restrains people from giving Americans that cordial greeting which in ordinary circumstances they might expect. The American community in the Philippines had doubtless realised the misrepresentations under which they suffered in the Orient, and it was perhaps with a view to dispel the cloud of calumny that they invited representative people from Hongkong to see them at their best. Most peoples are seen at their best at home. Manila is now the home of many Americans, who, according to newspaper accounts, are as hospitable, as lovable, and as delightful people as could be found anywhere in the world. The visitors are returning with better impressions of Americans and of Manila. Misunderstandings have been removed, prejudices have been cleared away, and the way to more cordial relations has been indicated. A more distinct rapprochement between the two cities and the two trading interests seems not improbable. Reciprocal benefits would follow, prosperity would come in the wake of this mutual interest, and the greater good of the greatest number would certainly result to bless the union founded not only upon ties of personal friendship but upon common commercial and trading interests.

Sympathy will be extended to Major-General Broadbroom by his many friends in the Colony when it is learned that His Excellency has lost a brother in India, who died following an operation for appendicitis.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., held last week it was decided to recommend the payment of a final dividend for 1908 of 34 per cent, on both the Preference and Ordinary shares of the Company.

The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., advertise to-day a meeting of shareholders to be held on the 26th inst. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing resolutions providing for an increase of the capital to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each.

There has been but one sad event to mar the pleasure of the stay of Harmston's performers in Hongkong. That is the death of Mr. Paul Ragon, the tiger trainer. Mr. Ragon was well and hearty on Saturday morning, but in the evening he succumbed to an attack of heart failure at the Astor House. He was buried at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

The Sanitary Board meets to-day instead of to-morrow. The orders of the day include a minute by the Head of the Department relative to the destruction of rats: a reply from the Medical Officer of Health for Cape-town relative to the use of ferrets as agents for destroying rats; and correspondence relative to the burning of joss sticks in the Colonial cemetery during a Japanese burial.

The Earl and Countess of Meath and their daughter, Lady Violet Brabazon, passed through on the German Mail Princess Alice on Saturday. They are proceeding to Japan. The Earl is well known as the founder of the Empire Day movement, and during his brief stay in Hongkong his lordship lost no opportunity of making known the objects of the movement in the hope that it may be more generally encouraged here.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China issued a notice in London, last month, to the effect that on and after the 20th January, and until further notice, the rate of interest for sterling advances on bills drawn upon Siam, the Straits, Java, the Philippines, Cochinchina, China, Hongkong, and China will be reduced from 7 to 5 per cent. per annum. The rate charged on current past due bills on Hongkong and China and renewals of bills on those places will not be reduced, and not less than 7 per cent. per annum will be charged on bills on Hongkong and China which may hereafter be renewed or become past due. The rate for bills on Japan will remain at 7 per cent. For bills on India, Burma, and Ceylon, as well as on New York, the rate will remain until further notice at 6 per cent. per annum, as at present.

TELEGRAMS.

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SUICIDE OF AN ACTOR.

LONDON, February 12th.
Mr. Charles Warner, a well-known actor, has committed suicide in a New York Hotel by hanging himself.

THE RECENT AFFAIR IN CHILE.

LONDON, February 12th.
The body recovered from the debris of the Chancery of the German Legation at Santiago, Chile, which was destroyed by fire recently, has been identified as that of the porter of the Legation.

The Chancellor has been arrested at Chillan. He is alleged to have gambled a large sum of money belonging to the Legation. This had recently been ascertained to be missing.

The dead porter, who was found dressed in the Chancellor's clothes, received splendid official obsequies.

THE LINCOLN CENTENARY.

LONDON, February 12th.
The centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln has been enthusiastically celebrated in America.

A general holiday was declared, and President Roosevelt, Mr. Bryce (the British Ambassador) and Sir K. Takahira (the Japanese Ambassador) were prominent among the speakers at different places.

MACAO BOUNDARY QUESTION.

LONDON, February 13th.

A Lisbon dispatch states that General Machado has been appointed as the Portuguese Commissioner for the delimitation of the boundary of Macao and its dependencies.

He will meet the Chinese Commissioner at Hongkong.

THE ANTI-OPIUM SOCIETY AND TANG SHAO YI.

LONDON, February 13th.
A deputation from the Anti-Opium Society, headed by the Bishop of London, called upon Tang Shao Yi and congratulated him upon China's heroic efforts to deal with the opium traffic.

The Ambassador made a sympathetic reply.

SERVIA PREPARING FOR WAR.

LONDON, February 13th.
The Austro-Hungarian papers are excited over the preparations which Servia is making for war.

It is declared that the steps being taken go beyond diplomatic redress, and that an unambiguous ultimatum is necessary.

THE KING'S RETURN.

LONDON, February 13th.
Their Majesties the King and Queen have returned to London.

They crossed the Channel in a gale.

PRINCE BUELLOW'S VIEWS ON THE VISIT.

LONDON, February 13th.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that Prince von Buelow declares that the visit of King Edward has evoked sincere satisfaction on the German side and justifies the expectation of an understanding of the political aims of the two Empires being arrived at.

The discussion of the Balkan question revealed a far-reaching agreement for the preservation of peace.

Prince Buelow hopes that the general public in both countries will follow the pacific aims of their rulers and statesmen.

THE DEVONIAN DINNER.

The Romans included the country of Devon in the district of Britannia Prima, and Devonians are generally agreed that the Romans showed prophetic wisdom in the choice of the name. In "our rough island story," where the path of duty has led the way to glory, the men of Devon figure conspicuously, and pride of county as well as of country has existed among Devonians to a degree which is not surpassed if it is equalled in any other country of England. Were not Devonians first and foremost with the County Society idea? We now hear, even in the Far East, of Yorkshire Societies, Lancastrian Societies, and maybe some others, but they adopted—did they not?—an idea first realised by men of Devon. London has had its Devonian Society for many years, and now Devonian Societies exist not only in nearly every large city in England, but also in most of the Colonies.

Hongkong has had its Devonian Society for ten years or more. Among its presidents have been Admiral Buller, Admiral Swinton Holland, Mr. Victor Deacon, and the late Mr. E. W. Mitchell. For the past two or three years Mr. A. Shelton Hooper has been President of the Society, and under his presidency the Society has had its annual dinner on Saturday at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote the hon. secretary and treasurer, occupied the vice-chair. The gathering was not quite so large as usual, but it lacked none of the pleasure and enjoyment associated with the annual event. As usual, the menu included the best that Hongkong can produce in the way of junket and cream, and apple dumplings—essential features of a Devonshire dinner—and the wine list included cider; while the Hotel band entered into the spirit of the occasion by playing selections from "The Country Girl," including "Come down to Devonshire."

The toast of the evening—"Devon: our County," was proposed by the PRESIDENT in a felicitous little speech. Two heroic deeds last year by Exeter men who jumped on the rails to rescue children when trains were rapidly approaching were quoted as showing that the dauntless spirit which had made men of Devon famous in history still survives in the county. Allusion was also made to the success of Holman, the Devon swimmer, in the contests at the Olympic Sports, and as yet another evidence of Devon being foremost in most things he mentioned that the first wireless station constructed by the General Post Office had recently been opened at Bolt Head.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

A short business interlude followed. Mr. NORTHCOTE reading in the Devonshire dialect the minutes of the last meeting and presenting a statement of accounts. The election of officers followed. Mr. Hooper desired not to monopolise the chair, but his wish was disregarded and he was re-elected president with acclamation. In the same cordial manner Mr. Northcote was re-elected secretary. The old committee was re-elected, and the business being concluded, the company settled down to a convivial evening, which passed very pleasantly with dialect and other songs.

It transpired during the evening that it was the President's fiftieth birthday. Needless to say there was a special toast which was received with much mirth.

H. E. the Governor was present at the last annual dinner but as he has not been accepting invitations owing to the illness of Lady Lugard he did not attend on Saturday. A resolution was passed, expressing sympathy with His Excellency in the illness of Lady Lugard and gratification that she had now reached the stage of convalescence.

THE RACES.

The final gallop took place yesterday morning before the breakfast hour, and a goodly number, among whom were several ladies, were present to witness them. Very good times were made. A great deal of money was won, and the winners were the following Shanghai men:—Burkhill, who is riding for Mr. Buxey Hayes, riding for Messrs. Toog and Schreiber; Schreiber, riding for Mr. Olympia; and Loftus Jones, riding Mr. Offter's ponies.

The pleasure of the morning was marred by one regrettable incident. Sirdar, owned by Lieut. Leeson, broke his leg while running and had to be killed. Much sympathy was expressed for the owner, as the pony gave promise of a winner in one or two events.

The griffins are such a level lot this year that he would be a bold man who would venture to give "selections" for the various races. An exception can be made for the Derby, for those who have watched the training are generally agreed in predicting that Missouri, Little Gem Rose, and Strathdalar are the most likely to lead at the winning post.

Among the old ponies Kirkwood and Jubilee Rose are expected to distinguish themselves. Stirrup Cup, which had promised well, is laid up at present and may not start.

The races begin to-morrow at 11.30, and if the present prospect of fine weather is realized, the meeting promises to be a very successful one.

THE CIRCUS.

There was a well-filled tent at Causeway Bay on Saturday when Harston's Circus made their first appearance. The main attraction was the third amateur riding contest, limited to six entrants, but through the courtesy of the proprietress, opened to all who presented themselves. Nine men, three of whom were Chinese, sought to win the prize which fell to Mr. F. B. Ayris. The event afforded much amusement to the onlookers.

"The lighter side of professional pursuits" was the title of a lecture delivered by the Rev. T. W. Pearce before a good attendance at the Y.M.C.A. Room on Saturday night.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

February 13th.
The following is the translation of a dispatch sent by the Viceroy to the Chief Superintendent of Police—

"On the 11th day of the 1st month of the Emperor Shun-Tung I received a letter from the Japanese Consul as follows—

"The boycott feeling in Canton which was so vigorous last year is now considerably abated. This is entirely due to your efforts. I am exceedingly grateful to you for your kindness. Recently I heard that the Chinese merchants abroad in the Straits Settlement and United States are still keeping up the boycott with unabated vigour and the feeling of the Chinese towards the Japanese merchants in those places is still very unpleasant. This state of affairs is really most regrettable. I recollect the boycott first started in Canton, whence it gradually spread abroad; therefore Canton forms the well, and the different cities and towns abroad are places to which the waters of the well have flowed. If the well is properly washed out then the water which flows from it to all these places will naturally become pure and clear. At present the Canton Press all refrain from publishing the dates of arrival and departure of Japanese steamers, and I have often heard that they have been publishing international matters where the Japanese and Chinese Governments happen to disagree. I feel greatly vexed whenever I see such unpleasant matters published in the local newspapers. Ever since the boycott started both Japanese and Chinese merchants have been suffering from its effects and if the boycott continues the injury on both sides will be considerably increased.

Moreover the Press acts as the mouthpiece of the different societies. It is your duty at the present time to undertake investigation into the matter. The first and most important step to take is to have the well thoroughly washed out so that the water which flows out from it shall be clear. You have a humane spirit; you have the interests of the two countries at heart and naturally wish them to prosper. I sincerely hope that you will see that the well pours forth nothing but clear water, so that the merchants and people of both countries may enjoy that prosperity which is the source of happiness." "The above is what the Japanese Consul says. I now as Viceroy hereby instruct you to carry out this desire. I further instruct you to notify the Press in the whole Province to refrain from publishing anything unpleasant regarding the international questions between the two countries as it might mislead the public who listen and idly discuss such matters. This is a most important matter. You will also report to me your action and what steps you have taken with the above effect in view. Do not disobey my instructions."

THE S.S. "FATSHAN" AFFAIR.

Some military officers there are in Hongkong who occasionally forget themselves in civilian life. One of the breed, travelling to Manila, so far forgot himself at table one day as to throw a piece of bread at the well meaning boy who placed it on his plate. The incident reminds me of the discriminating Hongkong jockey who, when walking with his father saw an officer in uniform, and exclaimed "Father that's not a gentleman: that's an officer." No, I am quite sure my readers won't fail to make the application.

Wasn't it remarkable that a bluejacket should beat the landlady in the amateur horse riding contest at the Circus the other night? He even excelled an Australian bushranger in his equestrian exploits. Possibly the handy man's experience in heavy seas enabled him to maintain a balance where others failed.

I am sure I will not be the only one expressing regret should it become necessary for Lady Lugard to leave the Colony again. She has had a struggle for life, and the joy at her convalescence is somewhat tempered by the knowledge that health reasons will necessitate her going from our midst again. We are sorry.

Well might the devout pray yesterday morning "lead us not into temptation." They had just concluded the early devotional exercises at the Cathedral when they were brought from spiritual heights with a rude shock to this mundane sphere by commercially minded Chinese youths meeting them on the church steps and offering race programmes for sale. The shock was too great for most people and no sales were effected.

One of the features of the pressmen's pleasant stay in Manila was the production of a "British Times." The management turned their journal over to the visitors who gave the Manila folks the mild sensation of reading plain unvarnished tales instead of the usual flamboyant headlines and picturesquely written stories. The people seemed to like the novelty, but once would be quite sufficient for them. Their palate has been so long tickled by highly seasoned stuff that they could not go back to the plain diet such as is offered by British newspapers. The Manila Times enterprise is strictly American and I can scarcely imagine any Hongkong newspaper emulating their example. I shudder to think of the shock that would be given to our staid folks on getting their news served with American spice.

RONICKER RANDOM.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE.

Yesterday morning a Volunteer Church parade took place when a fair number of volunteers mustered under the command of Lieut. Colonel Chapman, V.D., and marched to the Cathedral where a large congregation had assembled. The other officers present were Captains Thompson, Skinner, Armstrong, Lieut.-Colonels B. S., Northcote, and Kennett. The Bishop gave an interesting address. The

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,202, A. Partridge, 14th Feb.—Shanghai 10th Feb., Salt—Butterfield & Swire.
CHINA, British str., 1,143, Warrack 12th Feb.—Haiphong and Hoihow 11th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.
CHINA, American str., 3,186, D. F. Friole, 15th Feb.—Shanghai 10th February, Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.
HAIKAI, French str., 377, O. A. Hoing, 13th Feb.—Hoihow 11th February, General and P. R. A. R. Mart.
HAIMUN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 13th February—Swatow 12th February, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HANGCHOW, British str., 999, Mawley 14th Feb.—Chefoo 8th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.
JACOB DIEDERICHSSEN, German str., 623, Hansen, 14th Feb.—Pakhoi and Hoichow 13th Feb., General—Jobsen & Co.
NINGPO, British str., 13th Feb.—Canton.
NUMANTIA, German str., 4,384, Feldmann, 13th February—Portland (Or.) 5th Jan., General—P. M. S. S. Co.
PALAWAN, British str., 2,995, Longdon, 13th February—London 2nd January, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
PEI HO, French str., 3,782, Cazal, 13th Feb.—Antwerp 26th December and Singapore, 6th Feb., General—Messageries Maritimes.
ROMA, British str., 2,363, William Storn, 13th Feb.—Cardiff 23rd Dec., Con—Admiralty.
SEMINOLE, British str., 3,795, H. D. Clarke, 14th Feb.—Manila 11th Feb., Bales Hemp—Standard Oil & Co.
SHINKU, Japanese str., 1,939, Faito, 13th Feb.—Moi 8th February, Coal—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
SHOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 999, I. Ijichi, 13th Feb.—Anjung 10th Feb., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
SIMONGA, Dutch str., 1,200, H. Vos, 14th Feb.—Sourabey 1st Feb., Sugar—Chinese.
SULTAN, British str., 1,270, L. Howard, 14th Feb.—Singapore 4th Feb., Sandalwood—Butterfield & Co.
SZECHUEN, British str., 1,142, Sidford, 14th Feb.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 9th Feb., Rice and Groundnuts—Butterfield & Swire.
TAIWAN, British str., 1,172, W. Stalker, 13th Feb.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 8th Feb., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DEPARTURES.

13th February.
EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., for Vancouver.
GERMANY, German str., for Sydney.
HEADLEY, British str., for Singapore.
HOKKAN MARU, Japanese str., for Kuching.
KWONGSHAN, British str., for Shanghai.
LOCKHORN, German str., for Bangkok.
MEIFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
PEHO, French str., for Yokohama.
PRINZESS ALICE, German str., for Shanghai.
TJIPANAS, Dutch str., for Amoy.
WOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
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AMARA, British str., for Swatow.
BESIDE DOLLAR, British str., for Moji.
CARL DIEDERICHSSEN, German str., for Hoihow.
DORTMUND, German str., for Shanghai.
GLENROY, British str., for Shanghai.
HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow.
JOSHIN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
MATILDE KORNEL, German str., for Kobe.
PALAWAN, British str., for Shanghai.
PHUMPHENH, British str., for Saigon.
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SUVERIC, British str., for Moji.
TAISHAN, British str., for Swatow.
TUNGSHING, British str., for Canton.
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BOTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c...	WESTPHALIA	Ger. str...	k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
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MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	TAIWAN	Brit. str...	—	G. W. Eddy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	ALDENHAR	Brit. str...	—	C. J. Benton, E.N.E.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at Noon.
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MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	k. w.	A. Macker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	Rud. Meyer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 16th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	H. Yamamoto	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 8 A.M.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	J. Ijichi	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	Pand F.	TOMAS	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	J. W. Evans	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
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MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	J. S. Roach	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 19th inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	Eddy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	A. Somerville	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst., at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c, VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str...	—	S. J. Payne	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
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REMINISCENCES OF CHINA.
LITERATURE BY SIR JOHN MCLEAVY BROWN.
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, January 15th.
Last night there was a good muster of members and friends of the China Society at the Dixon Hall to hear from Sir John McLeavy Brown, C.M.G., LL.D., some of his early reminiscences of China. The programme this session is far in advance of that of last year, thanks to the energy of the indefatigable honorary secretary, Mr. Byron Brown.

Admiral the Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle was in the chair, and briefly introduced the lecturer, who was well received. The lecture was given without any formal notes. Sir John merely allowed his memory to guide him through his early days in the East, commencing with the trip out to Hongkong and thence to Peking.

At first he showed a certain reluctance, he said, to appearing on that platform, for he had heard and been much impressed by numerous papers read before the Society and he felt that he had neglected his opportunities in China for studying the great classics and teachers as these lectures had done. Therefore he was afraid that he had insufficient material for a lecture, when Mr. Byron Brown mentioned such an item to him. He told Mr. Brown what he felt and Mr. Brown quite agreed with him (laughter).

However, the Secretary pressed for some sort of lecture so he had agreed to give merely some reminiscences. When one threw one's memory back to the early days of China it was inevitable to think of the great changes that had taken place. If they stood at the beginning of the past fifty years it was nearly fifty years since he first went to China—they would probably anticipate a great many more changes than had actually happened in that time. But looking backward from this time to that there had been, it must be confessed, quite as many changes there as elsewhere.

It was only in 1834 that trade was thrown open in China and it was after that that questions began to arise, attended with difficulties for settlement between the interested parties. It was from that date that change and development in the relations of foreign nations and China really might be reckoned.

There were various settlements of a more or less unsatisfactory kind and it was not until 1860 that things were really brought to a more permanent settlement. And changes since then have been really developments, rather than changes, of movements having their origin about that time.

In thinking of reminiscences one always thought of old friends, the scenes in which one met them, the happy times one had with them, and the sadness of losing many of them in the course of time. That was how he had been led in thought in approaching this subject, but he would merely touch upon a few of his experiences, beginning with his first voyage out to China.

First of all there must be mention of the greater difficulties in life now compared with then. In 1861 there was very little opportunity for travel. There was only one line, the P. and O. Now, there were five or six lines on the Eastern route, with fully equipped and luxurious vessels. He went out at the country's expense and it cost the Government to send him to Shanghai something like £15710s. He supposed the cost-to-day would be less than half that, and the gain in time had been proportionate.

He and his associates had to take five steamers to get to Tientsin. Now he supposed they would only take two. For a good deal of the journey they had a very rough passage and had to lie on the floor. They started in the old P. and O. boat, the *Cayzer*, and had four days to wait at Cairo for the overland mails. That gave them time to see Cairo and the Nile under the old conditions. There were no Nile steamers, they crossed in a slow ferry and made land journeys on donkeys.

At once they took another steamer, a very safe, solid boat, built of iron, but extremely hot and uncomfortable. They had a very small cabin and his impression of the Red Sea under those conditions was not favourable.

At Ceylon they took another steamer and so on to Hongkong. It took fourteen days to go from Singapore to Hongkong. They went back and forward between Hongkong and Canton till orders came for them to go to Peking. They called on local officials and did everything they were told was the proper thing to do, and he had to record that their reception was very friendly. He began to study Chinese and Dr. Legge of Hongkong, a famous authority on Chinese, presented him with two big volumes of translations of the Chinese classics which he took with him.

At Shanghai they were detained to await a steamer for the north. The first person he saw in Shanghai was Sir Robert Hart, then Commissioner of Customs in that port. Next morning after their arrival they went to the races through the mud that was ankle deep. Everybody who could wear top boots. There he saw men well known both in the East and in London. One wearing a red coat, was Mr. Pannier Gordon, another was Mr. Antrobus. There were three great business houses in those days at Shanghai, the forerunners of the numerous business concerns of to-day.

At Chefoo he met Mr. Martin Morrison, son of Dr. Morrison, the first missionary to China. He asked them to dinner and they accepted. The arrangements were certainly primitive—he sat, for instance, on a turned-up box for a seat. However, they were young and took it as a matter of course, and did justice to what was prepared for them to eat.

From there they went to Taliawan and in the subsequent journey he had the roughest storm to encounter that he had ever experienced. The bulwarks were carried away and the passengers had to hold on to the steamer's fittings. It was extremely cold, so he decided to get to some place that was warmer. He went on a search and at last got to the boilers where he remained very comfortably till the next morning (laughter).

At Tientsin he saw Sir Robert Douglas, now home in England and one of the mainstays of the Society. He was then assistant in the Consulate. They were just too late to go up the river, so took carts and started in the face of a bitter wind that he had never forgotten. By the second of December they got to Peking and were well received by everyone. It was a very pleasant life in those days. They took up much time in studying the Chinese with their language and customs. The government took the trouble to give them an official to instruct them and look after them. He was a genial character who though it was hard for them to work quickly. They obeyed him ostensibly but studied among themselves and so went ahead rapidly.

There were at that time English, French and Russian ministers in Peking. The English minister, Sir Frederick Bruce, was an exceptional man—many of them thought the best representative they had ever had there. After that came the Germans with a minister and then other nations. They were an extremely happy family and the relations between the British Legation and the Chinese Government were

probably never better. It was largely due to the excellent temper and tact of Sir Frederick Bruce, who never pushed an advantage too far but dealt with consummate skill with the Chinese and his fellows on the Diplomatic Corps. As physician to the Legation there was Dr. Lockhart who knew an enormous amount about the Chinese and treated crowds of them.

The lecturer came in contact with many members of the Teung Li Yamen. The real man of affairs was a Tartar, Wenshang. He was very fond of inquiring about foreign affairs and how things were done abroad. He used to discuss matters with Europeans and the lecturer learned more Chinese from him in a few hours than from any other source. He came from the borders of the Empire yet spoke most excellent Chinese, just as people in some parts of Ireland and Inverness were supposed to speak the best English.

Another official of note was Wong Ki. He was not brilliant, but having had three years of office in Canton he had enriched himself and was well off. When they wanted a subscription for anything they looked to him and, though he sometimes protested, always paid up.

He remembered that once an official report was prepared on the mineral wealth of Shensi. Presently the Chinese were astonished to receive the bill. They disputed it at first, but Wenshang at last laughed and ordered the costs to be paid up at once.

Then there was the Capitaine-General of the City Gendarmerie, Chung Lun, a very good-natured old man who dined them all in the Imperial City in honour of Sir Frederick Bruce who was retiring. The cooking was very good—half northern Chinese and half southern Chinese.

That was about 1863. At that time other nations were anxious to get treaties with China. Among others was Denmark which sent out Colonial Racine. Usually such matters were dealt with by Ministers at Shanghai or Tientsin in those days, but Col. Raastad determined to go straight to Peking. He was told by other Europeans to call on the Chinese Minister at Tientsin, as he was not making sufficient ceremony previous to receiving a treaty. He declined, saying he was accredited to the Emperor of China and to Peking he was going to do his business at headquarters. There was at this great excitement and running of messengers.

The British Legation lent a soldier at last to accompany Colonel Raastad, and the Russian Legation lent a Cossack. Whether these soldiers got something to drink or not he could not say, positively but on entering Peking one soldier persisted in going one way and the other another way. The Danish Minister had to stand still in the street in hope they would arrive at an agreement and lead him on.

Presently an old gentleman came along in his chair and seeing a foreigner apparently in distress he leaned out and shook his hands in token that he would help him. The Dane did the same and this went on for some time till the old gentleman succeeded in making him understand that if he would follow him he would help him. He led him down a side street and entered a room in a large house where tea was ordered. Not a word was spoken all this time, though the old gentleman waited for some explanation and began to think his visitor rude. At last a teacher was sent for who could converse with the Dane. He told the teacher his business, whereupon the teacher exclaimed "Why this is the Foreign Office you are in now." The old gentleman was none other than Chun Lun himself. The story of how Col. Raastad reached the Foreign Office was a standing joke for a long time.

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On the way they heard that the Emperor of China had just died. The circumstances were similar to those of a few weeks ago. In those days there were no telegraphs. News had to travel by steamer. A body of officials, they heard, had decided to keep control of affairs in Peking—but they had reckoned without their hostess, the late Dowager Empress, who planned and carried out her famous coup d'état in November. When the lecturer and his colleagues arrived in Peking there was no evidence of excitement. The Empress Dowager had completed her plan and everything was quiet.

Just at this point Sir John made a reference to Yuen-Shih Kai. Within two months of the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager they saw a move on the part of the Regent to get rid of a very able official. It was alleged, he knew not on what ground, that that official had planned violent measures. In any case his removal was a great pity and to keep him out of office would mean a great loss to China. He was much more experienced than the others and represented the more progressive element in the national administration. He believed he had no part in any "anti-foreign movement." His removal, he repeated, was exceedingly to be regretted.

To return to his arrival in Peking, Sir John said he went wherever he wished. The students were sometimes a little rough but there was no malice on either side and he could say that during the whole time he was in China he did not receive any unkindness from Chinese, high or low. There were, of course, robbers and thieves in places who would stop at nothing, but beyond doubt they might travel through the country without harm.

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To Seoul, twenty-five miles from the sea coast or fifty miles by water there were two ways of going at the time he went. One was by chair and the other by small steamers. There is a railway now from the south to the very frontier of Manchuria.

Looking back at these changes he regretted again the loss of the independence of Korea. It was a unique country, in its way different from China on the one side and Japan on the other. However the independence was now gone and he did not suppose it would ever be anything more than part of Japan.

He thought it was being kept too much in a position of a dependency. If it were really incorporated in Japan and given corresponding privileges it might be better. There was a time when the Koreans and the Japanese did not get on at all well but their relations, he was assured, had improved greatly. When the war was on the Japanese were welcomed as deliverers. The Japanese had a serious task before them then and gave themselves entirely to it. No doubt the Koreans suffered in consequence and their property was not always respected. Still most of that had been set right since.

He seconded the vote of thanks to the lecturer and it was carried with acclamation.

Sir John in response added a few remarks, and mentioned among others called back to memory as having been met with in his early official experiences in China, Sir Thomas Wade, Mr. Alcock, and Sir Horace Parkes.

Mr. Clement Allen also spoke of his experiences in China and the wonderful changes that had occurred. People who went to China now found railways developing and a capital with macadamised roads, tramways and the electric light where some of the olders present remembered as city, as Sir Edward Maitland described it, "paved in the fifth of centuries."

While he was a consul in China the war between Japan and China was on. At the end of the Shantung peninsula there was a community of missionaries belonging to no particular denomination. The Japanese who advanced so as applied to the Chairman that night to send protection for the missionaries. He sent a cruiser but the Commander on interviewing the missionaries was informed that they felt quite safe and did not wish to leave.

A little while after he was surprised to receive a note from one of the missionaries complaining that the Japanese had taken his donkey and asking him to recover it. He refrained from replying that he regretted the loss of the missionary's brother and merely said that he could do nothing in the matter (laughter).

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LOCAL SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CHAIENGOWE V. CIVIL SERVICE. This league match was played on Saturday on the former Club's ground, and resulted in a draw. The following are the scores and analyses.

CHAIENGOWE.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. L. Manderson, o Pilo, b Brett.	2			
E. B. Vivash, b Brett.	10			
E. L. Lamson, b Brett.	32			
G. A. Hancock, o MacEwen, b Hutchinson.	43			
J. D. Morris, o Phillips, b Hutchinson.	32			
A. Osman, not out.	37			
A. C. Stann, o MacEwen, b Hutchinson.	7			
L. A. Rose, b Brett.	2			
R. Poston, o Phillips, b Hutchinson.	5			
B. Hallinan, o Sutton, b Brett.	10			
Extras.	4			
Total.	142			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brett.	16.4	2	32	0
Reed.	11	3	43	0
Hutchinson.	12	1	44	4
Witchell.	6	1	13	—
Extras.	4			
Total.	142			

CIVIL SERVICE.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. R. Phillips, o Manderson.	27			
E. C. Witchell, b Manderson.	4			
R. G. A. Major, run out.	1			
G. A. Major, o Manderson.	4			
W. H. Sutherland, o Osman.	1			
A. R. E. Raven, o Vivash, b O'Farrell.	1			
H. Ellis, b Hallinan.	24			
J. McEwen, o Manderson, b Lammont.	16			
E. B. Sutton, not out.	6			
E. L. Brett, did not bat.	—			
Extras.	3			
Total.	86			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M		

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A SECRETARY. Applications to be made in writing to— CAMPBELL, MOORE & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [335]

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HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On MONDAY, the 15th February:—

From Sacred Hill near Kowloon City in an Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 2 P.M.

On TUESDAY, the 23rd February:— From Western F.C., Belcher's and Stonecutters in a South-Westerly to Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 2 P.M.

From Stonecutters in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 3 P.M., and finishing at 5 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 25th February:—

From Lyemun F.C. in a South-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 14,000 yards, commencing at 11 A.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All Ships, Junks and Other Vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master &c.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [338]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at its Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12.30 P.M. on SATURDAY, 27th instant to receive Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant, to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship "RIGEL," Captain J. Sievert, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight and further information apply to

AREATOON V. APCAR & Co., Agents.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 19th Feb., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th Feb., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 23rd Feb., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [342]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 20th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [293]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY

MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS

of this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL,

Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of

February, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Court of Directors

together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st

December, 1908.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [302]

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